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Dysart may have to absorb some Wigamog demolition costs

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Municipality of Dysart et al taxpayers may end up footing some of the cost to tear down the dilapidated Wigamog Inn.

The Aurora Group, owners of the Kashaganigamog Lake inn, were given until July 29 to board all windows and entrances as a measure to prevent trespassers and vandals. Multiple complaints have been forwarded to town hall since 2019 regarding safety concerns about the property.

Indeed, it's lured a number of videographers who explore abandoned properties throughout North America. One such video from 2018 can be found on YouTube on the Freaktography channel.

The resort's owners previously indicated their intentions to demolish the property instead of merely boarding windows. But such work has yet to begin.

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Autumn expressions

Eagle Lake cottagers six-year-old Lucy DiGilo, from left, reacts to the pumpkin being launched by James Orr, five, and dad, Stephen Orr at the pumpkin slingshot during the Annual Open House and Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8 at Sir Sam's in Eagle Lake. See sirsams.com for more information. See more photos on page 10. /DARREN LUM Staff

Beavers to be evicted from Dillman's Trail waterway

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Highlands East municipal staff will remove a beaver dam that threatens flooding on the Dillman's Trail.

The dam removal is part of work discussed during the township council's Oct. 11 regular meeting.

Dillman's Trail is an original road that continues to be considered a town highway under the Municipal Act.

John Davidson and a group of concerned citizens lobbied the town to keep

the trail open as a multi-use trail and to keep it free from flooding.

Davidson suggested the beaver dam be removed in the fall when the water level is at its lowest. After Public Works staff removes the dam, he said the city-

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Wigamog demolition is 'done deal'

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Karl Korpela, Dysart's chief building official, told town council at its regular council meeting Oct. 11 that an excessive number of building permits were issued in September.

He said the main reason for the high permit tally is in part because of 37 demolition permits issued for the Wigamog Inn property.

But those demolition permits haven't been paid for, he said, and it looks as if the municipality will have to foot the bill and begin the process to demolish structures on the site.

He said costs incurred by the town will be added to Wigamog Inn property taxes.

"This could be very costly for the municipality, but it does go on the tax roll," said Mayor Andrea Roberts.

Dysart's Signs and Property Standards Committee met Oct. 3. One of its items of business was discussion of the Wigamog Inn property. The committee learned that no response was received from the Aurora Group to a reminder email sent to the owners a week prior to its meeting.

The committee previously gave a 60-day extension to the Aurora Group to meet the Property Standards Order that was issued from the bylaw department.

Staff had been in contact with a construction manager who asked about burn permits. According to a report to the committee, he was instructed to speak with Dysart's interim fire chief, but no burn permits had been requested.

According to the Signs and Property Standards Committee: "The Property Standards Order is now confirmed and the Bylaw Department will proceed with bringing the property into compliance. Staff confirmed that no further relief can be requested for this order."

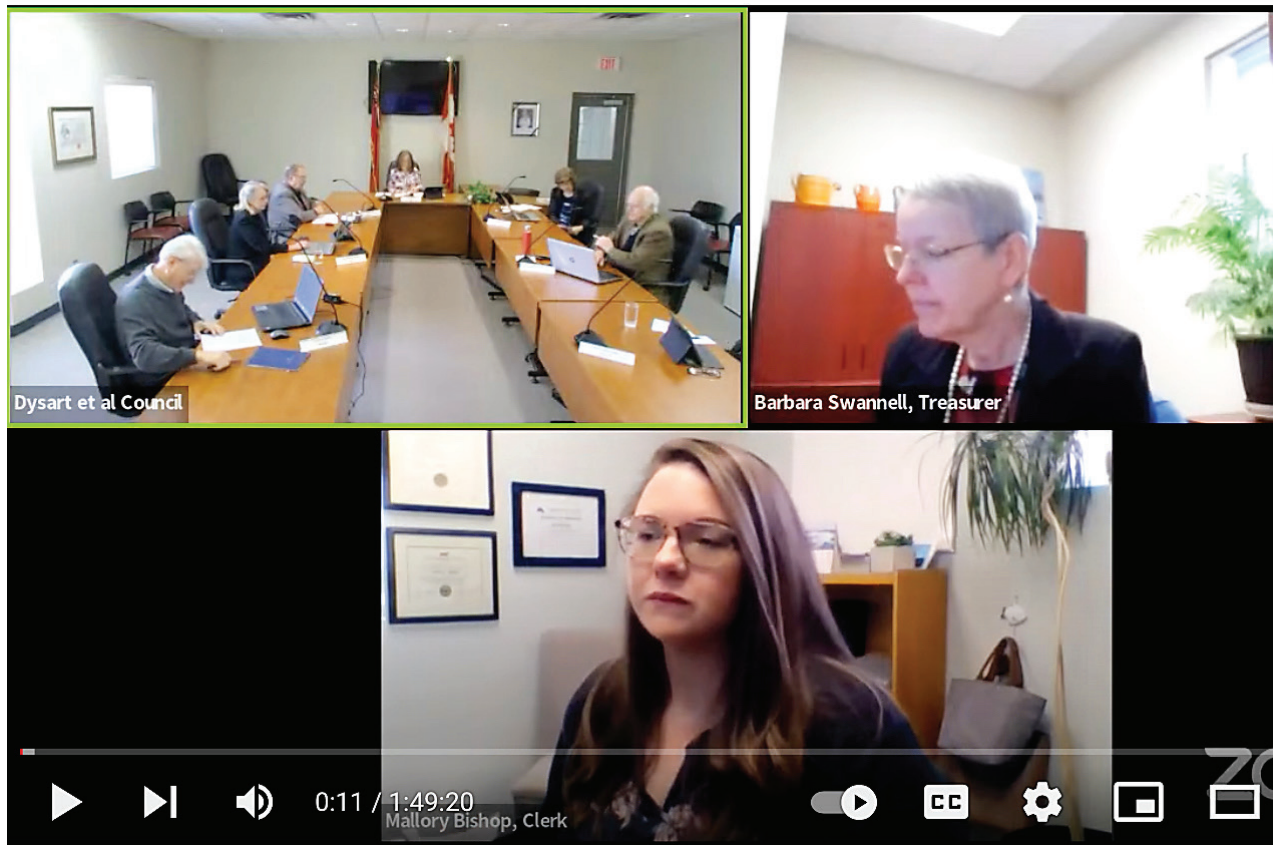
Ward 4 Councillor John Smith said council should get assurances that the expenditures to deal with the Wigamog Inn buildings will not cost the municipality more than what could be recovered in a possible future tax sale.

Korpela said the municipality would issue a request for proposals to get an idea about the companies available to handle such work.

"We're not going to look at, well what's the property worth overall and are we going to exceed that?" said Korpela. "This has to be done."

Smith asked what avenues are available to the town to recoup costs should the municipality spend \$1-million to demolish the Wigamog Inn structures, but get only half that amount in a property tax sale.

"That's not fair to our property tax payers across the community," Smith said. "I want to make sure there's



Dysart et al issued 37 demolition permits to owners of the old Wigamog Inn. The thing, is, those permits have not been paid for. The township decided during its Oct. 11 meeting to cover the cost to remove structures from the site. That cost will be rolled into the owner's property tax bill. /SCREENSHOT

a process in place before any additional staff time and expenditures are engaged in.

"That we understand the whole picture here and protect the taxpayers from one negligent property owner."

Barbara Swannell, the treasurer, said staff from many departments would be consulted to ensure the project is viable.

Given the inn is on about 43 acres of prime lakefront property, Ward 2 Councillor Larry Clarke suggested the real estate is likely worth as much as \$5-million.

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said he has no concerns about the property's value.

"After it's rehabilitated, it's going to be worth substantially more than our investment is going to be," Kennedy said.

The deputy mayor asked if it was set in stone that the

work would go ahead and what would happen should the property owners go to court to appeal council's decision?

"At this point, it's basically a done deal," said Korpela. "To get it demolished."

Roberts suggested the owners could also pay for the demolition permits and follow through with the work themselves.

Even if they were to pay for the permits, they haven't submitted to the town and demolition plan.

"The key message to the public is ... we are moving forward as best we can," Roberts said. "Unfortunately, these things don't happen overnight. To imply that we are doing nothing is incorrect."

Plan needed, whether staff or volunteers carry out work

from page 1

zens group would take the responsibility to ensure no beaver dams are built in the future.

They'd like council to delegate road bed repairs to the group to ensure the thoroughfare remains multi-use.

Mayor Dave Burton said the municipality has somebody who controls beaver activity in certain areas of the township.

"I would certainly support you doing it with your group, but there may be hoops to go through first," the mayor said.

Shannon Hunter, the township's CAO, said the first

step would be to remove the dam.

"We could probably agree in principle, but we would need to receive some kind of plan and process of how this is going to be done," Hunter said. "I believe, if there's volunteers going to be utilized, they would have to be recognized by a motion so they could be covered by insurance or provide their own insurance."

"Council in the end would have to ensure that we're maintaining environmental practices."

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he'd like to have a letter of understanding that sets out who group members are and outlines "rules of engagement" for the work to be done.

"It's a question of making sure the environment is properly protected, that the people who are doing the work are properly protected, that the municipality is properly protected," he said.

"And, at the end of the day, we get a product that everybody's comfortable with."

Ward 1 Councillor Cam McKenzie said it would be easier to have municipal staff remove the beaver dam as opposed to the group of volunteers.

"I know life gets complicated when we start having volunteers these days doing projects like this," McKenzie said.

Hunter suggested council follow steps taken by a group of property owners who endeavoured to restore Glamour Lake's shoreline. The group identified trees that

needed to be removed and trails that needed work.

A plan was suggested by the group and presented to Highlands East council in 2019. In the end, the municipality got behind the plan and the work was done.

"I think what I'm hearing is that the presenters want steps moving forward and council needs to determine if this is something they're interested in doing," she said. "Either way, if it's done by the group or done by staff, a plan needs to be adopted."

Davidson said the group's preference would be for the municipality to make the trail suitable for multiple uses. But availing of township resources be may not be available in this year's municipal budget.

"We're quite willing to help out," he said.

Burton said the priority is water level. Maintenance and repairs can be done later, maybe in the spring of next year.

Ryall supported the municipality taking the lead in the project with input from the community group.

Ward 2 Councillor Suzanne Partridge said the concerned citizens group could keep the township apprised of any new beaver activity in the area.

"Council will be wanting to keep it free (of beaver activity)," said Burton. "As far as repairs, once we get the water levels down and controlled, I think, would be a good time to have a good look and see what it actually needs."

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Dysart mayor: Septic system inspections benefit property owners and lakes

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

There's truth in numbers, especially when you're talking about results of Dysart's Sewage System Re-Inspection Program.

Council received a report into work completed as part of the 2022 re-inspection program during its Oct. 11 regular meeting. The report showed issues identified in 488 inspections have been resolved.

As of the end of September, roughly 770 properties required some form of remedial action as per their inspection results. Those results were graded into three risk levels.

Low risk infractions includes properties with no noted compliance concerns. Medium risk infractions include pump-out requirements, compromised or missing lids and baffles. High risk infractions indicate failing systems, septic tanks that are not operated in accordance with their use permits, and grey water discharging to ground.

Any on-site sewage system, at the end of the day, still has some risk, said Brianna Quinn, supervisor of the sewage system maintenance program.

Ward 4 Councillor John Smith said the program's numbers demonstrates the value and importance of re-inspections when you consider the number of medium-risk and high-risk systems that have been corrected before they caused greater environmental problems.

"Some of the things that our inspectors saw this summer were literally shocking," said Mayor Andrea Roberts.

The mayor said some residents casually, jokingly said not to send inspectors to their properties because they felt their septic wouldn't pass muster.

"That's the point, if we care about the health of our lakes," Roberts said.

Properties are very valuable. If someone owns a property, it's their due diligence to protect the lakes, the mayor said.

Some people who have cottages that are in the range of 50 years old, many of them don't know the age of the septic system, she said.

"Get an inspection now, if you want to. Go ahead," Roberts said. "Maybe do the remediation now. Don't wait for Dysart inspectors to come out and tell you your septic system is a high risk to fail."

She said it's everybody's responsibility as homeowners to protect the lake they're on.

The program update was part of the Building and Bylaw report, which revealed a higher number of septic permits, with 18 of 42 due to the Sewage System Re-Inspection Program.

Quinn said a more in-depth report will be forwarded to council later.

"We were finding that some of the places that we have recorded ... our numbers weren't matching up entirely," she said.

Quinn said on-site inspections have ended for this year, and there are 13 properties that haven't been inspected.

"That's with multiple attempts," Quinn said. "Some of those properties, we were out there over five times."

Property owners are invoiced \$180 each time an inspector visits.

Last year's program closed with more than 54 properties that missed inspections.

"I honestly think ... anyone on a septic system should have a septic inspection," said Roberts.

September building permits increase over last year

Further to the Building and Bylaw report, permits were issued in September for five new dwellings and seven seasonal dwellings.

There was speculation as to whether or not the relative increase in issued permits compared to the same time last year could be due to people wanting to get a jump on construction.

The eagerness to break ground could be

due to starting before the winter freeze-up or before the costs of construction materials makes living in a tent attractive.

Dysart isn't on a hurricane track, but there are other effects of such weather incidents that can cause headaches to builders in the Haliburton County region.

Take, for instance, the recent Hurricane Fiona and the destruction inflicted on Canada's East Coast and the eastern seaboard in the United States.

"We don't have buildings demolished," Roberts said. "But, when billions and billions of dollars of property (is affected) ... I imagine it's going to cost a lot of money to get a two-by-four."

"I think building costs are going to go through the roof. It'll be interesting to see what happens in the next couple years, how that ripples down."



Deep dive

Dysart's waste auditors, Associated Environmental Technologies (AET) Group based in Kitchener, sorted through dropped off recycling and garbage at the Haliburton landfill to begin the process of the fall waste composition study. The study will determine amounts of food waste, recycling, and contaminants that exist in household garbage each season to better understand the ways in which Dysart should be changing habits to avoid these items from ending up at the landfill as household waste. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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In recognition of Waste Reduction in Canada, the Township of Algonquin Highlands, Municipality of Dysart et al, Municipality of Highlands East, Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton, and Haliburton County Public Library, are partnering to share ways everyone can minimize their waste.

Each of the partners will use their social media channels to highlight the daily themes of Waste Reduction Week in Canada, supported by complementary book recommendations that help deepen the understanding and impact of our actions.

In addition, the Haliburton County Public Library is hosting in-person programming:

On Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Circle Time with EarlyON from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Wilberforce Branch Library, located at 1101 Holmes Road, Wilberforce and join EarlyON for eco books at Circle Time.

On Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Family Storytime from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dysart Branch Library, located at 78 Maple Avenue in Haliburton. Children and their caregiver will enjoy environmental-themed books and songs.

On Friday, Oct. 21 the Friends of the Library Book Nook Sale is from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. at the Minden Hills Branch Library, located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

Come browse a huge selection of lightly-read books, and support the circular economy.

Be sure to follow your local municipal, county, and library social media channels

for daily tips and hints on how you can reduce, reuse, and recycle your waste. Together we can all make a difference!

Submitted by Municipality of Dysart et al environmental manager, John Watson



Insight to US politics
Barry Devolin, former member of Parliament for the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding speaks to an audience about US politics on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association fish hatchery in Haliburton. Devolin invested 20 years in Canadian politics and was also an associate professor in public administration and the chair of the Asian studies graduate program at Sejong University in Seoul, South Korea. His presentation was part of the “Telling Our Stories” speaker series organized by Yours Outdoors. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Haliburton Pregnancy Care Fall Fundraiser kicks in \$4,000

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre held their annual Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton and raised close to \$4,000 to help support their programming and clients.

The fall fundraiser featured the Duketow family, otherwise known as the Rhythm and Grace musical group. They performed Celtic-style gospel songs, folk songs, and instruments, and used step dancing as percussion to go along with their music.

Julie Goodwin, executive director of Haliburton Pregnancy Care and Support Centre, said, "The Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre (PCFSC) is a 100 per cent donor-supported charity. We don't get any government funding, and that's why we have fundraisers throughout the year."

The Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre is one of 80 across Canada.

The centre provides "parenting programs, pregnancy tests, options education for those facing an unexpected pregnancy, infant supplies, post-abortion support, newborn to size three clothing as well as sexual health and pregnancy education."

All their services are free of charge to their clients.

"In the spring, we do the Baby Bottle Campaign, and in the fall, we do the fall fundraiser. Those are the two pillar fundraising events that bring in the most money for us to help us with our budget," Goodwin said.

The Duketow family, based near Peterborough, played their music to fundraise for the PCFSC in 2019, 2021, and then 2022.

"I'm certainly hoping that we'll have them back next year. Different people have reached out to us and asked if we'll be having them back. They are a very talented, gifted family."

Goodwin said there were about 100 people in attendance, and the care centre is still receiving donations.

"The crowd was very, very responsive. They always have been, but this year in particular."

She said there were loud cheers and applause, and overall, the audience was very engaged in the performance.

2022 was the 12th year for their Fall Fundraiser. To donate to PCFSC, visit www.haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca/ and click the donate button.



Step dancing is part of Rhythm and Grace's musical performances. They are a family musical group based out of Peterborough and were the entertainment for Haliburton Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre's 12th annual Fall Fundraiser held at Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton. /Photos submitted by Julie Goodwin



Rhythm and Grace, a family musical group based out of Peterborough, were the entertainment for Haliburton Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre's 12th annual fall fundraiser.



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Every four years (and sometimes sooner) we're given the privilege to decide our government with our choice. This applies to all levels, which include municipal, provincial and federal. This time around it's the municipal level, which has the influence over some of the most influential decisions in our lives right here in our respective towns of Haliburton County.

One vote doesn't seem like much in the grand scheme of things, but if you see news footage of countries where voting is far from established, the lines to vote are stunningly long. People sometimes brave persecution, physical threats and endure the extreme elements such as heat or frigid temperatures during long waits to vote.

Living in our bubbles of First World existence leaves us insulated to how important democracy is sometimes, and how much it depends on our participation. It's not a perfect system, but it's ours and it's better than not having any choice.

Look at China now. Recently, their leader Xi Jinping, 69, is potentially moving towards being in power for the rest of his life. His first step is to assume another five-year term to break the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) "seven up, eight down" guideline.

This states Communist Party officials can only be promoted up to 67 and

should retire at 68. If this happens he will serve his third term. Technically, this might not be the first time, but it's moving to a return to a leadership similar to when Mao ruled the country decades before. Xi is currently supreme leader and also holds the top three roles in the CCP as general secretary of the party, president of China and commander-in-chief of the People's Liberation Army. As much as some people in our country believe we're run by a dictatorship and want to make it public they hate Justin Trudeau, I'm pretty certain our prime minister won't be in power for the rest of his life.

Along the same lines of this perception is how it's a slippery slope when politicians question the very system our country operates within. Thankfully, the stoking of the fire of incredulity when it comes to our system of government hasn't crept into municipal politics. We have enough problems with voter indifference and apathy we don't need more reason for the public to not vote.

Let's give our time to vote. Not just for democracy, but the men and woman who have

shown their commitment to run as a candidate for their respective wards and positions, and for each other in the upcoming municipal and school board election. Our community deserves to have a government we need and not one we end up with because of the few who put forth the effort to vote.

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For Highlands East voters, if you have not received a Voters Information Letter, contact the township at 705-448-2981.

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Editorial



Seasonal textures

by Darren Lum

Round and red

IT HAD BEEN a difficult month. When Jim found out about Dave, it had felt like a punch in the gut. Although the two men weren't as close as in the past, Jim still thought of Dave as one of his best friends. So, when he found out Dave had terminal cancer, it really shook up Jim. It started him thinking about life, death and all that happened in between. Vowing to get more out of the time he had left, Jim decided to try doing things he had been putting off for years. Like making an apple pie.

Now Jim wasn't exactly a master chef. Sure, he could make a sandwich, fry a burger and bake frozen french fries. But to create a meal or even a single dish from absolute and total scratch, well that was more of a challenge than he'd ever had to face. His friend and neighbour Monika usually supplied him with home-made treats. So deciding to tackle a pie was a big step out of Jim's comfort zone.

But apple was his favourite. When he was little his mother used to bribe him with apple pie. Requests for him to pile the firewood, take in the cottage dock or wash the car inside and out always ended with the words "If you do, I'll make you an apple pie." Of course even Jim knew you had to have the right kind of apples. His mom swore by Empire and so that's what he sought out at the store. But to be honest, making the crust was what truly terrified him. When he asked Monika for her recipe, it seemed odd that she included vinegar. That can't be right, he thought. But then he saw vinegar in other recipes but not all. Some called for shortening, others for lard. What to do?

He was poking around under the kitchen counter looking for an almost-forgotten pie plate when he stumbled across a slip of paper taped to the bottom of an old one. It was his mom's apple pie recipe. Then Jim remembered he had put it there years ago, feeling optimistic at the time that he'd

be making pies. Which never happened.

No vinegar required and lard was underlined in heavy pencil. So that settled that. Returning from the store with the correct ingredients, Jim then set to work. As he peeled the apples, he recalled a contraption his mother had used for the job. It had been mounted on the table and there was a handle she cranked that turned the peel into one long ribbon of red. As a youngster he'd watch the naked apple emerge from under its peel looking white and fragile. As she worked the

contraption the kitchen acquired the sweet, slightly acidic smell of the fruit. Jim's anticipation grew with every turn of that handle.

One year when he was an adult recovering from minor surgery and feeling sorry for himself, his mother dropped by his house with an apple pie. While he lay stretched out on the living room chesterfield, she heated the pie up in the oven, then poured a big glass of milk and told him to

"come and get it." After downing two pieces, he immediately felt better. Her apple pies were like medicine only better.

Now he wondered if he was up to the challenge. Later, when it came out of the oven, it looked pretty darn good. For a moment Jim was twelve years old and watching his mother place a freshly baked pie on the counter to cool. True his wasn't the perfect golden treasure his mom had made but for his effort it would do handsomely.

Feeling a big smug, he decided to ask Monika if she'd like to drop by for a slice and an opinion as to how he had managed with that darn crust. It was certainly lacking in visual perfection but the whole kitchen smelt wonderful. As he dialed her number, he thought how life was as much made up of little victories as the big achievements. Maybe he could try apple crisp next.

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Glory days

NOW THAT I am older and have a lot more perspective on life, I'm not embarrassed to admit my best years are behind me. That's not to say there are not any good years ahead of me. There are at least two. Three, tops.

That may be so, but, if I am being honest with myself, I have to admit that I will never again experience the glory days of being two. You see, both physically and in terms of maturity, I am pretty sure I peaked at the age of two.

Some people call them the terrible twos. Not me. Back then the world was my oyster.

When I was two years old I had it going on.

You should have seen me. I had a full head of hair and my big brown eyes looked even bigger. I was of average height, but a lot more flexible. Older women used to fuss over me and wait their turns to hold me close. Sure, I had baby fat, but, unlike now, it suited me back then.

Yes, at two, I had it all figured out.

I didn't have much money or any prospects in life back then – which is not so different than now, I suppose. But at least I was in touch with my emotions. I cried at the drop of a hat – which is why I dislike graduation ceremonies to this day.

Back then, I was a man of few words. So when I spoke, people sat up and took notice. I looked at the world as if it were new.

Little things, like jangling keys, fascinated me. Back then, people

routinely told me what a smart boy I was too. Yet somehow I took that for granted. After all, even in my earliest memories I was always the smartest one in the womb.

Don't get me wrong. My second year was not perfect.

Hard lessons were learned. Mistakes were made. I recall hitting the bottle pretty hard and spending quite a few nights behind bars. We must have lived in a rough part of town too, because everywhere my parents took me, there were characters who tried to steal my nose. Fortunately, I always got it back. Although, I am still not sure it is the same one I started with.

As smart as I was, I was never the academic type. Try as I might I could never figure out how to put that square peg in a round hole. Or where my dad went after his hands closed.

I still haven't solved those things.

On the plus side, I was dapper.

My wardrobe was daring to say the least. But those were the carefree 60s and anything went, even jumpers that were pretty high up the leg.

Even since then, it has been a slow downhill decline. Now if I were to wear those, I'd be arrested on charges of public indecency. And my "Daddy's Little Boy" T-shirt might send the wrong message.

Life is not all bad though.

It's nice to drive things other than under-powered vehicles made by Fisher-Price. And while I enjoyed the fact that people celebrated when I went "boom-boom on the potty," it grew old pretty quick. Now, I just want a newspaper and time to myself.

I guess we all change as we age. I am no longer average height. My luxurious head of hair is still blowing in the wind, but not around here.

But, you know, if you shake a set of keys at me, I still can't help but smile. On the other hand, if you try to steal my nose ... well, let's just say I warned you.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

The 1951/1952 Grade 9 class from the Haliburton High School, which was where the "Gardens of Haliburton" is now located. This photo is of the nicest group of young people. We, on the student council dreamed up the weird clothes for their initiation ceremony into high school life. Back row, unknown, Helen Elston, Eunice Newbatt, Doreen Hobden, Les Schell, Garth Horsley, Jack Watson, Doreen Besse, and Alice Jones. Front row, Dale Brown, Charlie Plourde, Bill Schell, unknown, unknown, and Jack Fry. With thanks to Alice (nee Walker) Jones and Betty (nee Walker) Austin. /Submitted by Tom Hodgson

letters to the editor

Clearing things up for 911

Dear Editor,

We live in central Wilberforce and though we do not have any cell phone service we do have phone service with Bell that continues to work during power outages. Our landline works as long as we plug in a corded phone. Cordless phones do not work as they require power for the base and the handsets. People should be able to have

phone service during power outages if they use a phone with a cord connection. The phone will not ring but will buzz for incoming calls and touch tone buttons will also buzz not sound the familiar tones.

Barb Schofield
Wilberforce ON

EH! questions receive responses

Responses to environmentally themed questions from candidates for the Oct. 24 election. Environment Haliburton! has received 22 responses to our environmentally themed questions from the 41 candidates for the Oct. 24 municipal elections.

Questions:

- 1) What actions have you personally taken to live a more sustainable lifestyle and lower your greenhouse gas emissions?
- 2) What opportunities for climate leadership and/or environmental protection do you see at the municipal level, i.e. lowering greenhouse gas emissions in the building sector, land use planning, transportation or other?
- 3) What long term solutions do you envision for the protection of wetlands and water quality in Haliburton County?
- 4) Do you support the implementation of the shoreline preservation bylaw in its current form with authority for its implementation given to Haliburton County?
- 5) Would you support County Climate Plan greenhouse emission targets that are based on a fair share of the cuts required to keep global warming at or below 1.5 Celsius?

The answers ranged widely.

The answers to question one included composting, recycling, LED lighting, geo-thermal or air-force heat pump heating, car pooling, energy efficient appliances, smart planning of car trips to minimize fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions, leaving parts of property unmowed and thus better habitat for pollinators, birds and wildlife, growing some of their own food and not idling their vehicles and taking fewer trips requiring aviation.

The answers to question two included encouraging renewable resources such as solar and low

carbon heating options such as heat pumps, using low carbon types of building materials, installing good quality windows, land use planning that protected our natural assets such as forests, wetlands, and waterways. Several candidates advocated support for community gardens to protect against food insecurity. In addition, more electric vehicle charging stations should be in place in central locations.

To question three, candidate responses included protecting land zoned as Environmental Protection from being rezoned for residential or commercial use.

Question four's responses ranged widely but many felt that although the shoreline preservation bylaw is not perfect, it is a good start. Tens of thousands of dollars of taxpayers money have been spent consulting with experts and other counties with tourist based economies in the writing of the shoreline preservation bylaw. The costs of enforcement may be minimized with better education. Some felt that waterfront property owners should be obliged to renaturalize. Also, that we should be better protecting our lakes against invasive species.

To questions five, some candidates responded that although we should bear our fair share of the reduction of greenhouse gases needed to stay below the Paris target of 1.5 degrees Celsius, that it may require lobbying of provincial and federal governments for funding to do so. More rebates are necessary to achieve goals.

The individual candidates' responses to the questions outlined above can be found on Environment Haliburton!'s website at www.environmenthaliburton.org.

Submitted by Susan Hay,
President, Environment Haliburton!

Recognizing excellence

Grade 10 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students are recognized for their Grade 9 excellence, which included honours, awards and scholarships achieved last year, during the school's Honours and Awards Assembly on Friday, Oct. 7 at the school's gym in Haliburton. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Nicole Lee received the Eagle Lake Women's Award for Geography, Jim and Doris Cooper Award for Mathematics, Year 1 Academic French Award, Year 1 Applied Mathematics Award, and honours.



Melanie Walter received the Career Studies Award, Creighton Feir Canadian History Award, Haliburton Legion Year 2 Academic English Award, Legal Studies Award, Year 2 Drama Award, and Grade 10 honours during the Honours and Awards Assembly held at the school on Friday, Oct. 7.



The Grade 11 HHSS students, who earned distinction with their honours, awards and scholarships last year in Grade 10.



The HHSS Grade 12 students with their honours, awards, and scholarships awarded for their Grade 11 year. Photo edited for newspaper standards. /Photo submitted by HHSS



Abi Lewis received honours for her Grade 10 year during the Honours and Awards Assembly held at HHSS on Friday, Oct. 7. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Fall fun at Sir Sam's

The autumn leaves were on full display for people, who walk down the ski hill at the Annual Open House and Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8 at Sir Sam's in Eagle Lake. Held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday to Sunday, the event included a sale on season passes and book of eight lift tickets, family activities such as face painting for children, live entertainment, a chance to us a pumpkin slingshot, and a scenic chair lift to see the autumn colours and a view of Eagle Lake. Sir Sam's next event is its Halloween Party on Oct. 29. See sirsams.com for more information. /DARREN LUM Staff



With the autumn leaves as a backdrop, people were taken up and down the skill hill at the Annual Open House and Fall Festival.



Pockets the Clown puts the final touches to the painted face of Minden cottager Ziva David, 10. See www.pocketstheclown.ca for her other scheduled dates.



Tom Parker shows his three-year-old son, Patrick how to play Connect Four.



The new Sir Sam's Yard Sale pilsner by Boshkung Brewing was launched at the event.

Canoe FM's Radio Playhouse presents *Shatter*

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

The Halifax Explosion that claimed nearly 2,000 lives happened more than a century ago, but the tragedy can be linked to comparable prejudices and reactions to present day crises.

In Canadian playwright Trina Davies' play, *Shatter*, she examines the aftershock of emotional, rather than physical, tolls the enormous explosion had on four characters in Halifax.

Canoe FM's Radio Playhouse program, hosted by John and Rita Jackson, is taking us back in time to broadcast the production over radio on Wednesday, Nov. 2 and Wednesday, Dec. 7 to conclude their 2022 season.

"I think that's really the point of Trina's work here, is how people's perceptions and prejudice is changed when they're put in extremely stressful situations. She focuses on what lessons we might learn, not just in the physical sense because of the explosion, but how it affects us as people," John said.

Radio Playhouse's production of *Shatter* will feature four familiar Highlands voices to act out the play: Kelsey Crowe, Hannah Klose, Amy Leise, and Andrew Case. All of them have performed in past productions in the Highlands.

Narration will be provided by John and Rita.

"The script itself really needs some actors who have great timing, who have a great rapport together because there's a lot of back and forth and overlapping," Rita said.

On Dec. 6, 1917, Canadian soldiers and families had already endured three grueling years of global war when a Norwegian steamship carrying relief supplies collided with a French steamship carrying tonnes of explosives in the Halifax harbour.

John and Rita said themes in the play can be compared to present disasters like the war in Ukraine.

"The news media at the time perpetuated a lot of these biases and prejudices against certain immigrants or certain people within the Halifax area and within Canadian society across the board as to who's to blame for this par-



Amy Leise, left, is playing Elsie Schultz and Hannah Klose is playing Anna MacLean in Radio Playhouse's production of *Shatter*. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

ticular thing," Rita said.

While many were turning against each other in anger, the four main characters in *Shatter* searched for truth.

When first reading the play, John was reminded of the racism towards the Japanese people during the Second World War and then towards those from the Middle East following the 9/11 crisis.

"[*Shatter* is] very thought-provoking in that sense because you hear first-hand through the actors how their lives changed and their perceptions changed as a result of this extremely devastating event," he said.

The dates chosen to air the first and second acts were intentional. Since the play is set in Canada during the First World War, the first act airs the week before Remembrance Day. The second airs the day after the 105th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion.

"This plays a significance to remembering the trauma, not just for those within the military, but also those outside the military. This shows the catastrophic casualties that happened in Halifax itself," Rita said.

The couple discovered Trina Davies' work while searching for a Canadian playwright after using primarily local works for the past season.

The play had never been adapted for radio before, so John and Rita worked closely with Davies to prepare it to be performed on Radio Playhouse.

Producing a radio play

Theatre productions are like an iceberg. Ninety per cent of the work put in to it can't be seen.

Radio plays are the same.

Selecting a script, negotiating rights, and finding suitable actors for the parts are the first steps.

The actors then work on their own for a length of time before coming together for rehearsals.

For the production of *Shatter*, rehearsals took place over Zoom, making it easier for everyone to be able to get together.

The actors have been rehearsing since the end of August.

After that, one day is selected for the recording process.

"We hope to always do the recording itself in a single take," John said. "It doesn't necessarily mean once and done. We might have to pause and repeat things during the recording process, which can then be edited afterwards."

John noted this will be the first time anything has been recorded in Canoe FM's new recording studio space.

"Trina asks in the director notes to try and make it as lyrical as possible without singing. The actors have to act as if they're an ensemble of musicians and work very well together with different tones and movements," Rita said.

This can only be fully understood when heard for oneself, so make sure to tune in to Canoe FM at 6 p.m. on Nov. 2 and Dec. 7.

Shatter was originally produced by Ships Company Theatre, Parrsboro, NS in 2005.

Shatter is produced by arrangement with Kensington Literary Representation, 34 St. Andrew Street, Toronto, ON M5T 1K6 kensingtonlit@rogers.com.



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Razzamataz dazzles with first show in two years

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

The show will go on for Razzamataz with a whole new board of directors and five exciting shows for their new season, the first of which was nearly sold out.

After a two-year hiatus, the family entertainment series is back with five unique performances for families in the Highlands.

Nicole Stewart, a new resident to Haliburton County, was recently made the chair of the board of Razzamataz Kids' Shows.

"[Razzamataz is] something that I think is very needed in our community. It's an opportunity for kids to see theatre when really they wouldn't otherwise be introduced to it. You get a lot of kids coming, and it's their first time ever seeing a live theatre performance, and it brings a lot of joy," she said.

The first show of the year was on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion in Haliburton.

"We had a great show today with an almost sold out house. The performance was surprising, fun and ended with an interactive element where children could go onstage and practice miming with the performers," Stewart said.

Tara Luz Danse is a Francophone group from Ottawa performing a show called Les bâtons.

"It's a very interesting mix of contemporary dance, music, and theatre. What they have are these batons or boom-whackers, and they basically do all sorts of surprising and unexpected things with



Dancers with Les bâtons by Tara Luz Dance from Ottawa perform in the first of five shows organized by Razzamataz Kids' Shows! on Sunday, Oct. 16 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion in Haliburton. The hour-long performance focused on dance and music to spark imaginative play in children. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

them including making music. They have a drummer that comes along with them as well, and they just put on a really engaging and fun show," Stewart said.

Following this performance, Razzamataz will have a ventriliquist show on Nov. 13, the Kif-Kif Sisters on Feb. 5, 2023, and the Carousel Players to finish the season on Apr. 30, 2023.

Stewart's background has proved to be a valuable asset to Razzamataz this season.

"I'm also a programmer, so I go and

scout talent to bring back to the county. We attended different events and children's festivals, usually in the summer time," she said.

Razzamataz is part of an organization called Ontario Presents along with similar groups in Central/Northern Ontario.

"We put our heads together on who we would like to have, and then Ontario Presents helps us to organize a tour in order to get some really high-quality performers to come to the north and perform in our towns."

This allows for a broad range of talent

to come to the Highlands for this year's Razzamataz shows.

"We're very excited for the shows that we're bringing in this year. We have some local people coming in from Ontario and we also have a musical group coming from Zimbabwe to do a show. It's a nice variety of some contemporary dance, comedy, music, and musical theatre," Stewart said.

They decided to include five shows instead of the usual four due to a two-year hiatus.

"This year, we're making a comeback after a two-year COVID pause. We're really excited to get back into the community and do a bunch of shows to engage young people," she said.

The organization has been around for 30 years, making it an entertainment series that many Haliburton County children have grown up with.

"Because we had to stop for two years, there's actually a number of [kids] who have aged out of the shows, and so we really want to come back and let the community know that we're here, we're doing more shows, and really engage a new, young audience."

Razzamataz typically caters their shows to infants up to 12-year-old children.

Stewart has a young daughter herself and said many of the other board members have younger children.

"We have a great lineup of shows and a whole new, highly energized group that's ready to get out and help put the shows on. I think it's going to be a wonderful season."

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Red Hawks make strides in Quinte

On Wednesday, Oct. 12 the Red Hawks cross-country team travelled to Brighton to run in the Quinte Invitational Meet at Dunnett Apple Orchards. At their first meet of the season, the Red Hawks demonstrated they are made of strength, speed, heart and determination. Approximately 45 schools attended the meet.

The Haliburton novice girls ran a strong team race to finish second overall, beating much larger schools like St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School and Cobourg Collegiate Institute. Leading the pack in the novice 4K race was Violet Humphries who finished 7th in a field of 65 runners. Grace Alder followed next with a strong run to finish 14th and Ella Gervais and Olivia Gruppe worked together on the course to finish 21st and 22nd respectively.

Novice boy Evan Backus made a strong debut in high school cross country. Backus ran a very competitive race, following up Humphries 7th place finish with a 7th of his own in a field of 54 runners.

Junior girl Erika Hoare, an OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) veteran from last year, showed she is determined to make a repeat appearance at the provincial championships. Hoare stuck with a leading pack of girls throughout the first lap of the course, finishing in 8th place out of 54 runners.

Up and coming junior boy Haiden Bird completely destroyed his personal best in cross country, showing great strides of improvement since beginning last year as a rookie runner. Bird ran on pure grit to earn a top 10, finishing 7th, and earning his finishline doughnut.

The full results from the Quinte Invitational Meet can be found at www.cossa.ca/bay-of-quinte-cross-country/.

On Wednesday, October 19, the team drove through rain to travel to Dagmar Ski Resort, just south of Uxbridge for one of the three Pre-OFSAA Invitational Meets offered by the host region. This meet gave the athletes a chance to preview the OFSAA course and get a taste of a big meet experience. Each division featured a field of approximately 200 runners.

Humphries once again showed she was a force to be reckoned with, running to an outstanding 22nd place finish out of 190 runners on the 4K novice course. Team-mate Alder followed up once again, and had a great finishing dash for the line landing her in 59th; and Ella Gervais used the hills to her advantage finishing in the top half in 84th.

Junior girl and track and field athlete Hannah Sharp made her cross-country debut on the tough 5K junior course. Sharp found the leap tough, as the hills taking her breath away, but she stayed strong to complete the course and finish 139th.

Junior boy Bird once again ran with grit and passion, working his way up to the 36th spot out of the 175 runners in his field. Bird continued to stretch himself and improved on his kilometre pace time by a whopping ten seconds per kilometre from the previous run to finish the course in 18:55.

The full results can be found on trackdatabase.com for the Durham Series XC Meet 3.

Athletes prepare for Kawartha competition on Wednesday in Port Hope and the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association) Championships is the following Wednesday, also in Port Hope.

Submitted by Karen Gervais



The Red Hawks cross-country team's Grace Alder, from left, Violet Humphries, Haiden Bird, Evan Backus, Olivia Gruppe, Ella Gervais and Erika Hoare represented Haliburton Highlands Secondary School at the Highlands at the Quinte Invitational Meet on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Dunnett Apple Orchards in Brighton. /Photos submitted by Karen Gervais



Junior boy Haiden Bird not only beat his personal best in cross-country, but the effort earned him a 7th place (and his "finishline doughnut").



Violet Humphries (in red) runs past a competitor on her way to a top-10 finish among novice girls in the 4K race.

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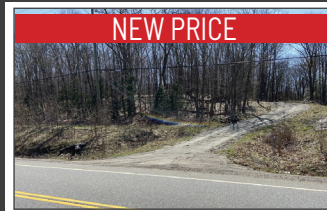
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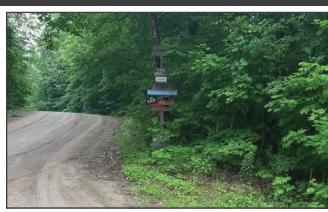
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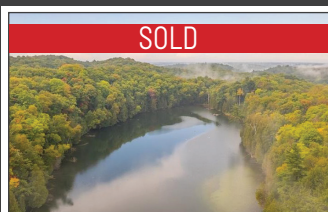
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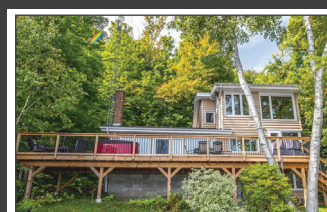
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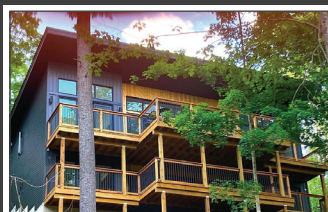
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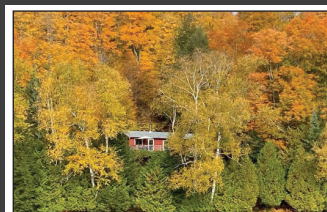
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Hawks host Falcons

The Red Hawks player Abby Greenwood drives past a Fenelon Falls defender during Kawartha basketball action on Thursday, Oct. 13 in Haliburton. The Red Hawks lost 50-23. /DARREN LUM Staff



Hawks player Grace Graham receives a pass in front of Fenelon Falls player Regan Merklinger during Kawartha basketball action.



Hawks player Jordanna Jennings guards Merklinger.



Hawks guard Rio O'Malley slips past a Fenelon Falls defender.



Hawks holler

Red Hawks players Brechin Johnston, from left, facing, Owen Whitteker and Jason Austin celebrate with Taze Wilson (arms up) after winning a point during Kawartha "league games" on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. The Hawks finished winless, but pushed the Kenner Rams and the St. Thomas Titans with tight matches. / DARREN LUM Staff

Red Hawks volleyball results

Crestwood beat HHSS 2-0 (25-8, 25-10)
Kenner beat HHSS 2-0 (25-23, 25-20)
St. Thomas Aquinas beat HHSS 2-0 (25-20, 25-21)
These games determine seeding for the Kawartha championship playoffs in November.



Above, Red Hawks player Graham Backus attempts to block a tip by a Kenner Rams player at the net.



Red Hawks player Josh Scheffee passes a ball with Taze Wilson, at back, and Evan Backus, at front.



2022 Municipal Election

(The Municipal Election Act, 1996 as amended, Section 23)

Methods of Voting

The 2022 Municipal Election for Highlands East will be conducted utilizing the Internet and Telephone method only

- Voter Information Letters have been mailed to every eligible person shown on the Voters' List.
- Advance Voting begins Friday Oct. 14th at 9:00 am and can be done from anywhere you are with the use of your personal device as computer, tablet, touchtone phone or cell phone.
- If you do not receive a Voters Information Letter by Wednesday October 12th, 2022 please contact the Municipal Office. Additions and revisions to the Voters List can take place up to 8:00 PM on Election Day allowing those individuals who are eligible to vote; to obtain a Voters Information Letter
- Election/Voting Help Centre (1 Location): Wilberforce Municipal/Election Office, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce, On.

Regular Office Hours: 9 AM – 4:30 PM
On October 24th, 2022: 9 AM – 8:00 PM

The Voter's List was available as of September 1st 2022 at the Elections/Municipal Office at 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce for inspection.

- The list contains persons eligible to vote in the Municipality of Highlands East.
- All electors eligible to vote may check the list and take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law.
- Revisions of the list will be taken at the Municipal/Elections Office, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce or visit www.highlandseast.ca and go to election information for voters.
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Hawks hold Hurricanes

Lara Gallant shoots and scores on Holy Cross’ net during Haliburton Highlands Secondary School’s game against the Peterborough team in Kawartha girls’ field hockey league action on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Melanie Walter sprints, pushing the ball up field against the Hurricanes of Holy Cross. The Hawks beat the visitors 3-2.

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Teammates high five Lara Gallant, centre, for scoring the first goal.



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GET TO KNOW THE HUSKIES: AIDAN SPOONER

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to the Echo

Newly acquired by the Haliburton County Huskies less than a month ago, goaltender Aidan Spooner has already become a fan favourite to watch at games. Standing at 6'7, Spooner has made the most of his time so far in Haliburton County by earning a 8-0 shutout in his first game with the team against the Brantford 99ers.

Following that up with a huge win against the divisional rival Trenton Golden Hawks, Spooner has received a massive fan ovation for his efforts thus far on the ice. Becoming the second Huskies goalie to post a shutout in his debut, it was tough challenge for general manager Ryan Ramsay to replace the Lakehead University bound Christian Cicigoi. However, early on it seems the Huskies have found a keeper with Spooner.

"It's been a very positive response so far from both the team and the fans," Spooner said. "I got a great group of teammates who welcomed me with open arms and you can't ask for more really. Coming to Haliburton, it's been fun, the fans are super energetic and you can really feel the excitement when stepping onto the ice."

Joining the team from the United States Hockey League's Sioux Falls Stampede, Spooner also spent time with the OHL's Kingston Frontenacs as well as the OJHL's Brampton Admirals and Newmarket Hurricanes. Making an impact right away, it's been all smiles thus far as the Huskies have logged their best start in franchise history.

Starting 19 games for the Frontenacs, Spooner had 10 wins and six losses with one playoff start coming last season.

His time in the States ended because he wanted to be closer to home.

"I started my year off in the USHL in Sioux Falls," Spooner added. "I really wanted to play closer to home. Being in the States was fun, but I felt for my game and development coming back to Canada was the best choice. I had known Ty Collins and he reached out and helped make it happen. We spoke and once the ball got rolling it was great from there."

Early on in his career, Spooner played for a variety of fantastic junior teams. The Toronto Marlboros U15 and the Barrie Colts U18, however Spooner mentioned that one of his favourite experiences in hockey was winning the Minor Midget championships with the U16 York Simcoe Express.

Playing on a stacked team that included current Huskies player Collins, OHL players Evan Vierling and Cameron Butler, and 2020 NHL second overall pick Quinton Byfield, Spooner and his squad achieved victory and he looks to bring that some success to the Huskies.

Bringing his wealth of knowledge, Spooner will also serve as mentor to the young Huskies prospect, goalie Tyler Hodges. The rookie has played a handful of games this season and has a record of 4-1-0 (when the story was filed), including one shutout coming against the Mississauga Chargers. Spooner has learned from a wide range of goalies including Ryan Dugas and current Ottawa Senators prospect Leevi Merilinen. He looks to help instill what he has learned over his career to ensure the Hodges-Spooner tandem becomes the league's most



Haliburton County Huskies goalie Aidan Spooner spent two seasons with the Ontario Hockey League's Kingston Frontenacs before being signed this off-season. /DARREN LUM Staff

dangerous.

"Tyler and I click really well and he is a great fit for this team" Spooner said. "He is very open to learning new concepts and he has asked a lot of great questions so I'm happy to teach where I can. In Kingston, I learned so much there that I've been able to use here. I was taken as a 17-year-old and Ryan Dugas helped me so much while I was there. It was tough with the COVID year, but I was partnered with Leevi Merilinen and he played in super high levels in Finland so I learned so much from him and, honestly, a lot of what I am today was because of my time with the Fronts."

Standing at 6'7 and 205 pounds, Spooner is one of the league's tallest goalies and has the blessing of physical presence to be effective in the net. Playing both a good ground game and air game, the Maple, Ontario native

has been able to use the size to his advantage and made general manager Ramsay look smart to bring him in.

"I'm very thankful to have my height and I work into my game wherever I can," Spooner explained. "Not every goalie has that luxury, so I try to take advantage of that. I look at the game from the different angle, and block the net as much as I can, and with the additional fitness training that I've done it's been great."

His expectations for this season is to hoist the Buckland Cup and eventually win the national title. The Huskies made many moves this off season to bring in weapons alongside Spooner like Collins, Myles Perry and Alex Cunningham. However, many of the returning players have upped their games with Christian Ste-

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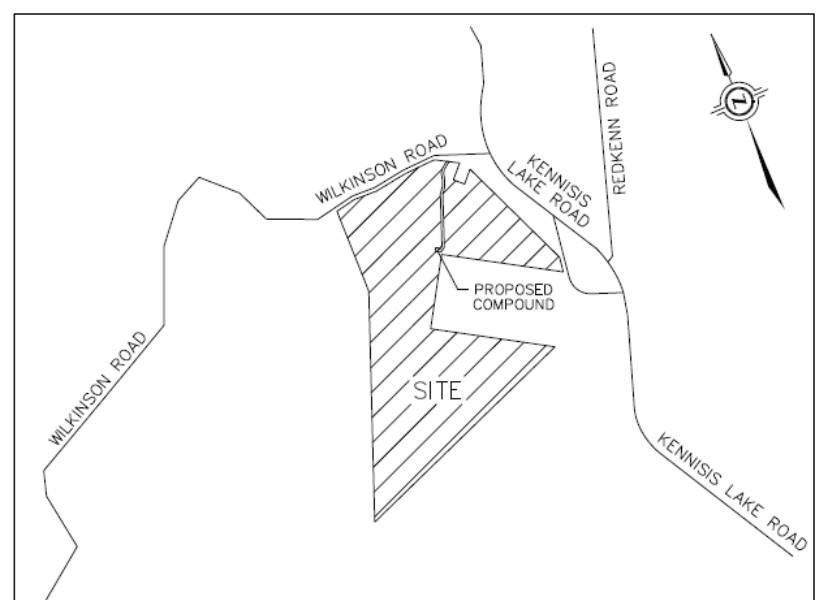
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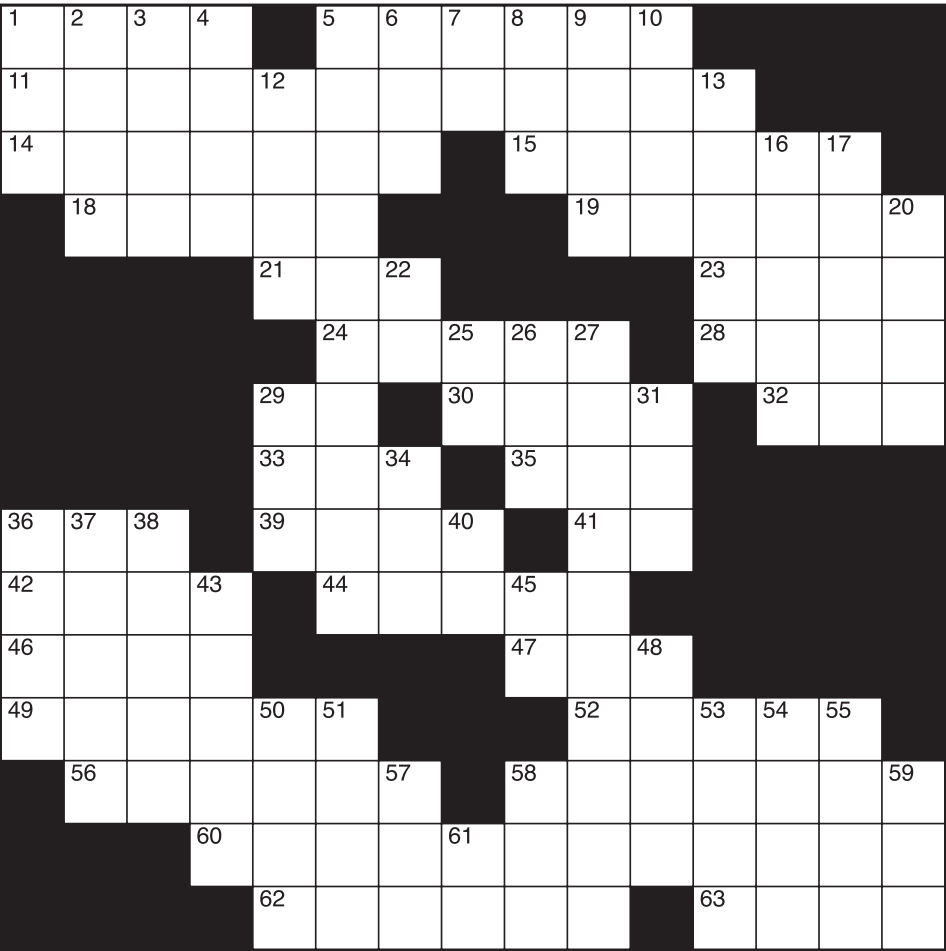
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 - 18. Step
 - 19. More greasy
 - 21. Upper-class young woman
 - 23. Light beige
 - 24. Belief in a supreme being
 - 28. Indigenous people of Scandinavia
 - 29. A beloved princess
 - 30. Transfer property
 - 32. Field force unit
 - 33. Automated teller
 - 35. When you hope to get there
 - 36. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
 - 39. Politicians Fischer and Conroy are two
 - 41. Blood type
 - 42. Stringed instrument
 - 44. Curses
 - 46. Barbary sheep
 - 47. Belonging to a thing
 - 49. Supporters
 - 52. Leaf-footed bug
 - 56. A shower of water
 - 58. Attribute to
 - 60. Intermittent
 - 62. Soda waters
 - 63. Scottish island
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Klutz
 - 2. Relaxing places
 - 3. Expel saliva
 - 4. The extended location of something
 - 5. Certified
 - 6. Cease to exist
 - 7. Powerful legal pro
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 - 9. Popular greeting
 - 10. "90210" actress Spelling
 - 12. __ Blyton, children's author
 - 13. "This Is Us" star Fitch
 - 16. Battery cell with a nickel alode
 - 17. Full of bacteria
 - 20. Remains of an old building
 - 22. Exist
 - 25. It gets you into places
 - 26. Witness
 - 27. The spreading of a disease to another part of the body
 - 29. Father
 - 31. Touch gently
 - 34. Licensed for Wall Street
 - 36. Herring-like fish
 - 37. Lute used in N. Indian music
 - 38. Mirabel shouldn't talk about him
 - 40. Atomic #62
 - 43. Religious
 - 45. Silvery-white metal (abbr.)
 - 48. Influential civil rights organization
 - 50. Acknowledgment (abbr.)
 - 51. Turn away
 - 53. Kidney disease (abbr.)
 - 54. Smooth-feeling fabric
 - 55. Competently
 - 57. Sea eagle
 - 58. General's assistant (abbr.)
 - 59. It helps you see
 - 61. Emerging technology
- Answers on page 17



Huskies score win
Haliburton County Huskies forward Sam Solarino, second from left, scores against Caledon Admirals goalie Antonio Rizzo in the second period at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Oct. 15, in Minden. The Huskies beat the Admirals 5-1. /Andy Corneau / OJHL Images



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3 stars of the game presented by: **HALIBURTON TIMBER MART**

- ★ Declan Bowmaster (1 Goal)
- ★★ Sam Solarino (1 Goal, 2 Assists)
- ★★★ Tyler Hodges (21 Save WIN!!)



The Haliburton County Huskies swept the three star selections with Delcan Bowmaster taking the first star, Sam Solarino the second star and Tyler Hodges with the third star following the win against the visiting Caledon Admirals on Saturday, Oct. 15 in Minden. Submitted by the Huskies

New goalie ready to lead

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vens, Patrick Saini and Isaac Sooklal posting solid numbers, which puts them up with the best in the league at their respective positions. This team can accomplish a lot with this core, and Spooner is happy to be a part of it.

"Our expectations are to win it all, however you gotta take things day by day and not get ahead of yourself." Spooner added. "I was brought here to help the team do a job, and that job is to win. We have all been working super hard in practices and If we keep doing that, things will work out well."

Spooner has fit in well so far with both the players and coaches, and loves the way that he is able to offer feedback and have a very personal relationship with the coaches he works with. Knowing a few players prior to joining the team made the transition a lot easier, and Spooner credits Collins for being the driver force to helping land here in Haliburton. Beating the Golden Hawks in only his second game was a huge confidence for Spooner, as he was informed by all the returning players about the fierce rivalry.

As the season continues, Hodges and Spooner will look to share the duties in the crease and lead this team to the top spot.

Fall is in the air at EarlyON and our JD Hodgson Centre re-opens

It has become an annual tradition for us to visit Abbey Gardens for a fall program, and this year even a touch of rain and cooler temperatures couldn't dampen our fun. We headed off to the labyrinth for a leaf and pumpkin matching game, and then a nature scavenger hunt. Families made a pumpkin picture with the leaves they collected, and our facilitator Irene Heaven shared an autumn story. The children also decorated cookies (always a favourite activity) before hunting for a mini pumpkin gourd to take home! We look forward to our return visit in June.

If you are looking for something to do indoors with your little ones, we are offering programs in Minden, Wilberforce, Kinmount and Haliburton at a variety of locations and times. We are thrilled to announce that our new room in JD Hodgson School is ready and open for programs starting Wednesday, Oct. 12. Brenda looks forward to welcoming families back to our freshly remodeled space – come check it out! Fit Kids will continue at the Royal Canadian Legion once a week in October for active play, please see our calendar for upcoming dates.

We just finished up our infant massage classes in partnership with Point in Time, and the babies seemed to enjoy the experience by their happy smiles! It was a great opportunity for the parents to connect at this special time with their children, and learn some techniques to help soothe and bond with them. As a follow up, we will be offering a Mother Goose Program also with Point in Time, for families with a child up to two years old. These interactive sessions teach songs, fingerplays and lullabies, which are so wonderful for early language development, and fun to do together. They will be happening on Mondays at our new Haliburton centre, please register to secure your spot.

If you haven't already picked one up, the Haliburton County Public Library branches are distributing our Early Learning Fall Time Packs. The free packs contain a fall book, activity idea sheet, and creative materials suitable for children ages two to six (one per family). There will be other packs available in November and December, so check our Facebook page for dates, and other pro-



Emily with baby, Meadow during "Tummy time." /Photos submitted by Julie Bosker



Lauren Adelson and one-year-old Cooper get creative with fall leaves at Abbey Gardens.

gram updates at your local EarlyON Child and Family Centre.

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Submitted by Julie Bosker, EarlyON Child and Family Centre program coordinator (Minden and Haliburton)

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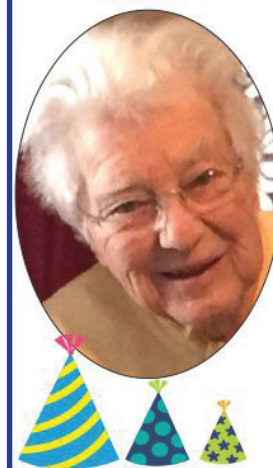
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Happy 100th Birthday



With grateful hearts we are celebrating our Mother's 100th birthday on October 24th, 2022. Joyce (Tetlow) Heayn, long time resident of Scugog Island, Port Perry and Haliburton, now residing in Barrie's IOOF Nursing Home.

*All our love, your family,
daughters Linda (Andy), Betty (Karl), and Julie (Steve),
grandsons Kyle and Robert (Jessica), sister Phyllis Haines and family.*

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In Loving Memory
Iris Freeman (nee Wild)
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare-Haliburton on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, in her 92nd year. Beloved wife to the late Maurice (John) Freeman and the late Ken Fieldhouse-Freeman. Loving mother of Jonathan (Bonnie), Debra (Patrick), Michelle (Trevor) and Mark (Kristalyn). Fondly remembered by her nine grandchildren Patricia, Eric, Christine, Erin, Shannon, Jamie, Ryan, Victoria, and Nicholas. Also will be missed by her 11 great-grandchildren Jorja, Lilia, Graysin, Kendra, Jordan, Jones, Amy, Caydon, Jackson, Bailey and Clara. Also lovingly remembered by her sisters Elizabeth (Betty) Leonard and Rose Child. And will be missed by her large extended family and friends.

Celebration Of Life

A private family gathering will be held at a later date by the family. As an expression of sympathy, donations to a Proud Pioneers of Extendicare Haliburton or Haliburton Highland Health Services would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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In Loving Memory
Patricia Simiana (nee Kerr)
(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday morning, October 12, 2022 in her 88th year. Pat is survived by her sons James (Margaret Crook) and David as well as her life-long beloved friend, Gwendolyn Saunders, and Gwen's brother Bob. She is also survived by grandchildren Patsy, Kathleen, Olivia, and Robin, and great-grandchildren Joshua, Faith, Cooper, Kole, Chelsey, Brooklyn, Dalton and Kendal. Pat was born in Toronto and was a long-time employee of the Ontario government. In her retirement, she was an active and vocal member of the Wilberforce community. She loved her dogs and cats like they were family, and together with her best friend Gwen, enjoyed crafting and following the Royal Family.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday morning, October 17, 2022 for a Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment South Wilberforce Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory
Marvel Eager

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

At Hyland Crest on Tuesday evening, October 11, 2022 in her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late Leroy Eager (2006). Loving mother of Karen and Thomas (Patricia). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Matthew, Sara & Caroline. Predeceased by her brother Ray. Also lovingly remembered by her sister-in-law Maraylene Welch and by her nephews Leigh, Scott and Wayne.

Visitation & Celebration of Life

Friends are invited to call at the **ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH** 1273 St. Peter's Road Maple Lake, Ontario on Friday morning, October 21, 2022 for a Celebration of Marvel's life at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment later St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory
Derek Rolfe

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Hyland Crest in Minden on Tuesday morning, October 4, 2022 in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of Pamela Rolfe (nee Mitchell). Loving father of Paul and David (Julie). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Bronwen (Brian) and Derek Kenneth. Predeceased by his brother Raymond and nephew Meryvn. Also remembered by his niece Yvonne. Derek enjoyed flying, fishing, trapping and most of all, time spent with the family. He had a wonderful sense of humour and saw the best in every situation.

Visitation & Celebration Of Life

Friends and Masonic Brethren are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday afternoon, October 26, 2022 for a Celebration of Derek's life in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Parkinsons Canada & the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of

NICHOLL, Cindy-Lee



In the early morning of Saturday October 8th 2022, as the sunrise appeared over the trees, Cindy-Lee passed after a courageous battle of over 2 years from Mesothelioma. Devoted spouse to Fever (Denis Mason). Beloved daughter of Carol and predeceased by her father Bob. Adored mother of Calvin (Brandy) Piels and Brett Piels (Cynthia). Precious Nana to Dustin, Daisy and Dixie. Loving sister of Penny Vanson (Paul), aunt to Tyrone (Elysha) and Taylor (Jessica) and great-aunt to Adaline and Makin-leigh. Will be greatly missed by her fur friend Silly, BFF Kathy Moran and many other friends and family. Cindy was born in Oshawa on February 25th 1958 but her journey in life took her many places including West Hill, Calgary, Garden Hill, Osaca, Lindsay, Gooderham and finally settling in Bowmanville. The things that brought her great joy in life were the cottage country, the woods, campfires, music and her family. She was fortunate enough to enjoy the lake life growing up and ventured out to camping as her family grew. She was a dedicated PSW over the years - a reflection of her compassion for people and helping others. Her strength and ability to keep her sense of humor even through all of her pain is something that we will treasure and remember forever. A Celebration of Life will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 178 109 King Street E, Bowmanville on Saturday, October 29th in the Club Room downstairs between the hours of 1-4 pm.

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ERIK MARTENSSON/Echo

HHSS students in Dave Mowat's Grade 11 Biology class were busy planting a large variety of plants and trees at the mouth of the Drag River in Haliburton on Friday. The planting is an extension of the Drag River Project and is meant to eventually stabilize the shoreline and also provide a barrier to geese so

they will not come up on shore. The students were planting material they had collected from different ecosystems around the county after being given training to identify certain species of plants that were appropriate to put on the river.

Stanhope Airport expansion hits turbulence

ERIK MARTENSSON
Staff Reporter

A long debate on the proposed future expansion of Haliburton's only airport culminated with Stanhope council being forced to back down and approve the severance of a property adjacent to the airfield. Council had objected to the quartering of the private property on the airport's northern boundary as the land is thought to be the best option for a proposed 4,000 ft. crosswind runway.

But in the end council felt it had no choice but to allow the severances to go through.

"We do not have sufficient information to object to the severances," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison of the decision made at last week's council meeting.

While council argues that the runway would be safer and also improve the area's economy, they do not have enough definitive proof at this time to

stop the severances. A feasibility study on the future of the airport and the runway in question will commence shortly as funding for the study was recently approved by the Sherborne, Stanhope et al Transition Board.

Harrison noted that until the study is completed council simply cannot stop the severances.

Deputy Reeve Murray Daniels argued that it was poor planning to allow the Middleton Estate property to be divided but agreed that the severances had to be accepted. He fears the municipality will otherwise end up on the losing side at further land hearings.

"I'm sure the land division would overrule us," said Daniels.

Tom Gardner was the only council member who remained opposed to the severances. "It is poor planning. I still say no."

He is convinced that even if the study supports council's plans, the Middletons

will nevertheless not part with the property.

"He's already said that he will not sell to the township," said Gardner. "They'll never sell it to us willingly."

Council members feel the property may have to be expropriated at market value instead.

Bill Middleton is happy that the severances are finally approved but believes council may have got the wrong impression from a previous discussion.

"I didn't say we wouldn't sell it and they'd have to expropriate it," he says of the family estate. "What I said is we realise that council can always expropriate the land eventually if the project gets approved."

The Estate of Jean Middleton applied to sever the 100-acre property into four pieces earlier this spring. Bill Middleton says he had no idea that township was considering another runway when the

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Health board begins the application process for more beds

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Less than two weeks after the ribbon was cut on the 30 new long-term care beds at Haliburton Hospital, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board agreed to begin the long process of applying for 40 more long-term care beds.

At Thursday night's meeting, the board also agreed to lobby for 15 new continuing care beds.

The allocation of 15 complex continuing care beds to the Highlands is part of a recommendation from the regional Joint Executive Committee to the district health council. The council is currently preparing a report for the Ministry of Health about how to distribute new non-acute care beds throughout this region.

Complex continuing care beds, formerly called chronic care beds, are for people who require a heavy level of nursing care, such as a paraplegic who has difficulties swallowing.

There was no discussion about where those beds would be built if the Ministry agrees to the proposal.

The application for more long-term care beds is to take advantage of the final stage of the province's commitment to create more long-term care beds. The 30 new beds just opened in Haliburton were part of the first stage of this capital expansion program.

As Highlanders know, the journey from applying for the beds to having them opened is a long one.

However, as executive director Foster Loucks said, "we need to keep our eye on the future and the train is in the station today."

The planning and governance committee which made the recommendation to the board "felt it was best to stick our oar in the water," Jack Brezina said.

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